

## **Wakefield Kirkgate**

Following successful regeneration activity on the Waterfront, Merchant Gate and Trinity Walk, attention is now focussing on Kirkgate to create an accessible quarter of the city centre with good links to the heart of the retail area and to the Waterfront.

Master planning has now begun at Kirkgate to promote the regeneration and development of this area.

Work is underway to identify property and landowners within the area and address the highways network and improvements that can be made to create safe and accessible pedestrian links, improved public transport access and encourage greater use of Kirkgate railway station.

The Council has already acted to encourage investment in the area by

- supporting Groundwork Wakefield with their plans to redevelop and restore Kirkgate Station,
- providing a new health and fitness centre, Sun Lane Leisure, and
- managing the demolition programme of some key vacant buildings within the Kirkgate area.

An exhibition of the initial masterplan/proposals was held in Autumn 2012.

Current work includes:

- highway modelling and feasibility work
- drainage study
- urban design work
- car parking study
- preparation of a bid to Heritage Lottery Fund for the development of a new West Yorkshire Archive in Kirkgate

A further consultation event on a draft outline Master Plan will be held in early 2014.

See 'Related Downloads' for initial masterplan proposals for the Kirkgate area.